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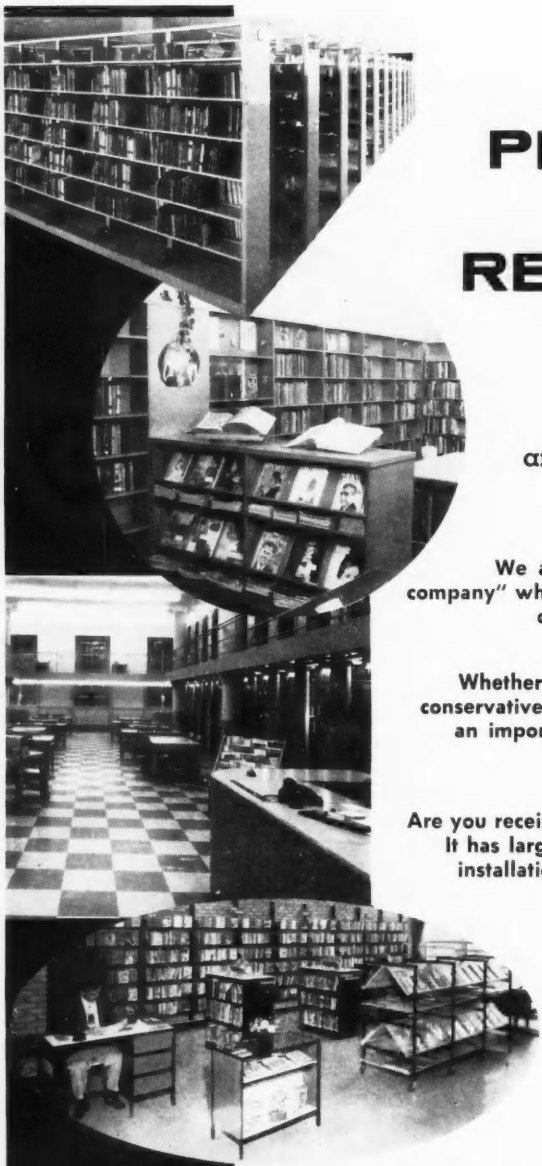

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Nineteen librarians and trustees braved the snow and ice to attend a District Officer's Workshop at Indiana University Medical Center, January 19 and January 20. With the exception of District one, where the roads were hazardous, all districts sent at least one member of the program planning committee.

Although less than ten hours were spent in the sessions, the group observed and practiced the six-step program planning process, and heard reports on resources, promotion, physical facilities and evaluation.

Trainers for program planning were Mrs. Chilson Bishop, Marion Public Library, and Jack Chitwood, Indianapolis Public Library. Resource persons were Betty LeBus, Indiana University Law Library, Miss Marie Stouder, Goshen Library, and Martha Reynolds, Fairbanks Library, Vigo County.

Mrs. Virginia Lillich, trustee from Columbia City who served as hostess reported that the written evaluations indicate participants enjoyed the workshop.

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Focus (Advertising)	550.00	
Conference (Exhibit fees 1960)	362.00	
Interest of Government Bonds	6.90	
Joining Forces	1.00	
Total	$1,124.90	
Total Receipts and Balance		$1,544.56
DISBURSEMENTS		
Focus (Crippin Printing Co.)	$ 387.58	
Stationery and Postage	108.41	
Workshop (Dist. Mt.)	28.41	
Miscellaneous (Ind. Non-Profit corp. report, Treas. Bond)	26.00	
Total	$ 550.40	
Balance as of February 8, 1961		$ 994.16

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What We Read in the Newspapers

FIRE DAMAGES CULVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Culver Citizen, Jan. 31, page 1

"Firemen battled for nearly an hour . . . in the sub-freezing temperatures to confine a fire to the basement of the Culver Public Library and bring it under control."

"The blaze, which broke out in the boiler room near a storage room partition, damaged books, magazines, chairs, tables, and screens that were stored nearby."

The Citizen credits quick action by Mrs. Norma Mohr, assistant librarian, with saving many books from water damage.

"Exact cause of the fire is unknown. However, two theories . . . were discounted: that an uncensored copy of 'Lady Chatterley's Lover' had ignited some wastepaper, and (2) that . . . 'The Joy of Cooking' had exploded."

Commenting on the above story, Mr. Peter D. Trone, Treasurer of the Culver Public Library, added "There were actually over 400 books belonging to the State Library . . . awaiting the state book car. About one half of these were damaged by smoke or water." About 250 other books, cased periodicals for the bindery, a complete set of 'National Geographic' from 1915 to date, and other periodicals were also destroyed.

The reading room suffered little damage and the library was open for business the next day, although Mrs. Scruggs and her staff are still busy cleaning up.

Mr. Trone lists several lessons learned, as follows: "be certain you carry enough and the right kind of insurance; be sure privately owned property on loan to the library is covered; be certain your wiring is 1961 (not 1916), and make sure your local fire department knows the floor plan of your building."

AUBURN REMODELING PRAISED

Auburn Evening Star, Sept. 3, page 2

"The culmination of a long time dream (is) . . . realized when the two new sections for the Juvenile Division of the Eckhart Public Library of Auburn . . . open for inspection."

The two new rooms are located in a basement area now newly lighted and redecorated. Reorganization began in the coal room and involved considerable construction work and disposal of obsolete materials.

Many of the new features of the division are gifts of local citizens, clubs and sororities.

Mrs. Everett Mavis, her staff and the Board of Trustees are highly praised by The Star for their "enthusiasm, study and tireless energy." The counseling of Miss Marcelle Foote, Extension Division of the Indiana State Library, is also mentioned.

VIGO COUNTY GAINS SERVICE

Terre Haute Star, Dec. 25, page 1

With the reorganization of the Terre Haute School City and the formation of the Vigo County School Corporation, Emeline Fairbanks Memorial Library service area expands to include Vigo County. Stillman K. Taylor has been named acting head librarian of Vigo County. "He estimated that the West Terre Haute Branch should be ready to open about July 1, 1962, and the Southland Branch about September of the same year, if plans move smoothly as anticipated."

The non-resident fee has been discontinued for citizens of Vigo County living outside Terre Haute and raised to five dollars for patrons living outside Vigo County.

LA PORTE FEE RAISED

La Porte Herald-Argus, Nov. 18, page 2

"Two decisions on public library policy were made. . . . After lengthy discussion board members voted to charge a non-resident fee of five dollars for six months and eight dollars a year outside of city or county."

Loan period was extended to one month for all except seven-day books and patrons will be charged fifty cents each for notices sent eight and fifteen days after the book is overdue.

LIBRARY EXHIBIT SEATS 30

New Castle, N.D., page 1

A portable planetarium which operates like the large one at Butler University was set up in the New Castle-Henry County Public Library for the instruction of sixth graders from various schools and science students from the New Castle Junior High School. Reservations were taken for demonstrations open to adults on two evenings. The planetarium is built of canvas and steel and accommodates thirty persons at one time.

The editor of FOCUS will be delighted to receive library news-clippings from your local paper.

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A complete hi-fidelity music system was installed in the Vincennes Public Library in December. The Board had suggested it and secured bids from dealers in the area. The work and materials were from the George C. Mettle Company of Evansville. Speakers are Wharfdale and amplifiers are Garrard. The five-speaker system serves the main library area with provisions made for installation of speakers in the auditorium area.

Patrons seem pleased with the musical addition to the library. Records are played at scheduled hours and the library is maintaining a separate collection of records for this use.

reported by Maxine Batman
Librarian, Vincennes

TENTH INDIANA INSTITUTE IN LIBRARY ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE

A five day institute in Library Adult Education will be held on the campus of Indiana University, June 9-14, 1961. Sessions begin Friday at 4:00 p.m. and adjourn Wednesday at 1:00 .p.m. This will be the tenth of a regular series of such institutes sponsored by the Indiana Library Association in co-operation with the Indiana Library Trustees Association, the Indiana State Library, and the Division of Library Science of Indiana University.

The Indiana Plan for library adult education considers the learning conditions for adults, determining adult needs and interests, improving discussion leadership and participation skills, better program planning, the role of the library in adult education, making the best use of resources and working more effectively with community groups and agencies.

This is done through practice sessions as well as speeches, demonstrations and discussions. The participation of experienced librarians and trustees is necessary for the success of these discussions.

The Institute is conducted by the I.U. —Purdue Bureau of Studies in Adult Education with assistance from librarians who have applied the plan to in-service education and community adult education activities. Often these methods have been used in civic, cultural, and religious as well as professional groups. The trainers state that they can improve teamwork, morale, communication, interest and acceptance of responsibilities.

In view of these results, some libraries are willing to provide all or part of the expenses, which are estimated at fifty dollars for campus housing, meals and materials (not including eighteen dollars tuition for those participants seeking graduate credit).

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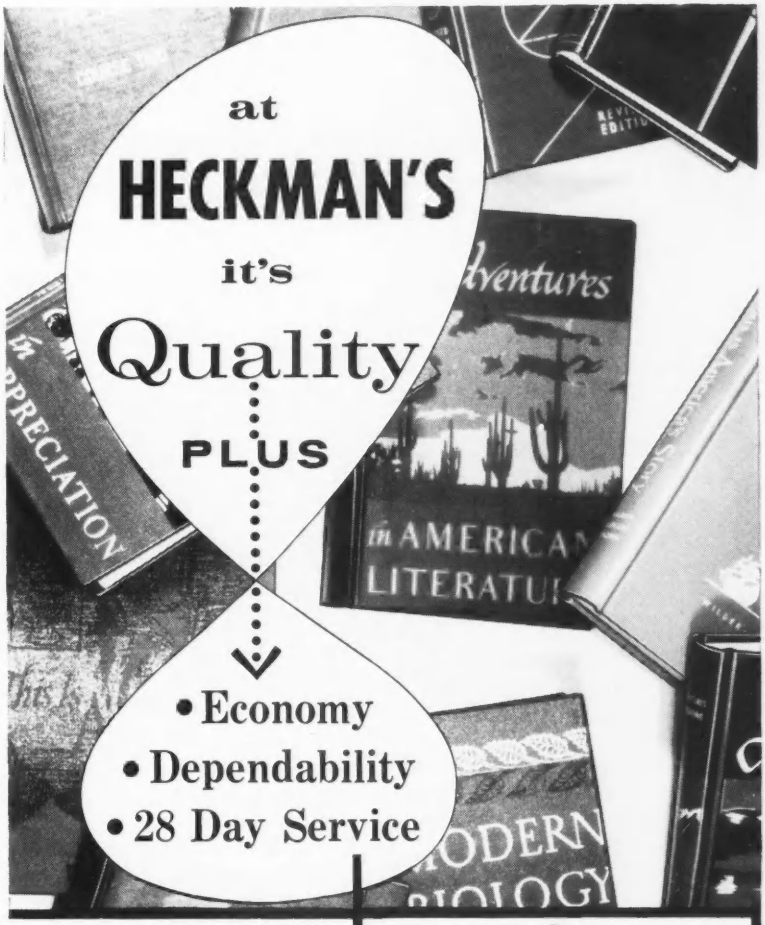
Culver, Tuesday, May 23

Huntington, Monday, June 5

Indianapolis, Thursday, June 8

Huntingburg, Thursday, June 15

Further information will be reported in the May issue of FOCUS.



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four hundred dollars ($400.00) each for graduate students during the academic year 1961—1962.

Funds are derived from I.L.A. dues, gifts of individuals, gifts of library staff associations, and a grant given annually by the Modern Binding Corporation of Portland, Indiana.

A limited number of loans is also available.

Further information and application blanks may be obtained from the Chairman of the I.L.A. Scholarship and Loan Fund committee, Miss Edna Miller, Librarian, Indiana Central College, Indianapolis, Indiana. Applications for summer scholarships should be sent to her before April 15, 1961, and applications for the school year 1961-1962 should reach her before July 15, 1961.

THIRTY-TWO SMALL LIBRARIES REPRESENTED AT WORKSHOP

Forty-two representatives of thirty-two small libraries in Indiana attended a unique workshop put on by Indiana University's Division of Library Science and the Small Library Group of the Indiana Library Association in the Student Union on the Medical School campus, Indianapolis, January 16-19.

So helpful was this workshop that a similar one is planned for January, 1962 on Bloomington campus where there are similar fine conference, housing, and dining facilities with more library science materials available for study.

That thirty-two persons in attendance had all or part of their expenses paid by their libraries, an expense which could not have been budgeted since the project was conceived and executed within a two months' period . . . shows the importance some trustees are attaching to training their library personnel.

The workshop welcomed both trustees and staff members of libraries serving 10,000 or under, especially those with little formal training in library science. No college credit was given.

All the Division's staff were scheduled one time or another, and, without exception, were outstandingly helpful in their presentations. They were Director Miss Margaret Rufsvold, Dr. Mildred Lowell, Miss Margaret Sheviak, Miss Maysel Baker, and Dr. Haynes McMullen.

The most elementary questions from the newest recruits in the small library world were welcomed and treated with respect. Book selection, ordering, classifying, cataloging, reference, registration, charging, and administration were discussed. Film strips and tape recordings aided the instructors.

Enrollees were glad to meet Miss Marcelle Foote and others on the Indiana State Library staff during some of the sessions, as well as ILA vice-president Betty Lebus of the University's Law Library.

reported by Mrs. Edgar F. Stuntz
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Senate Bill 129, for protection of library materials, passed in the Senate 42 to 3 on February 7. A national news release, on February 8, featured a similar law in East Orange New Jersey where a number of persons were arrested. A marked increase in return of overdue books has been reported in Indiana.

The House Ways and Means Committee revised the State Library Budget but announced no hearing. Of the funds which had been cut, $20,000 per year for materials was restored. No consideration was given salaries, which had been reduced $5,640.00 from last year. Mr. Cloyd from Fayette and Franklin Counties has indicated that he will discuss this budget on the floor in the house.

Senate Bill 346, substituting "shall" for "may" in Section Six of the Library Law, was introduced Thursday, February 2.

House Bill 548, permitting a township to withdraw from a County library if 50 or more residents sign a petition, was introduced Monday, February 6. It was assigned to the Appointments and Claims Committee. This same Committee has House Bill 9, allowing a township to withdraw if less than 10% of the inhabitants are using the library.

Members of the Appointments and Claims Committee are Edward Madinger of Marion, Chairman, L. Parker Baker of Hamilton, E. Boone Coy of Johnson and Marion, Calvin W. Didier of La Porte and Starke, John W. Donaldson of Boone, Nobel K. Littell of Morgan and Joe A. Harris of Sullivan County.

TWO CONFERENCES ANNOUNCED

The Midwest Academic Librarians Conference will be held at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, April 14 and 15, 1961. Friday afternoon the theme of inter-library cooperation will be explored. The dinner speaker will be Dr. Russell H. Seibert, Vice-President for Academic Affairs at Western Michigan, who will discuss the preparation, status and responsibilities of academic librarians.

The luncheon speaker Saturday will be Forrest F. Carhart, Jr., Assistant Director of the Library Technology Project at A.L.A. headquarters, who will report on the results of the study of circulation control financed by a grant from the Council on Library Resources, Inc.

Indiana School Librarians Association will have its annual Spring Conference April 21-22, 1961 at Turkey Run State Park Inn, Marshall, Indiana. Further information about this conference may be obtained from E. Ruby Byerley, Bedford High School, Bedford, Indiana.

PUBLICITY AWARDS CONTEST

Once again John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards will honor the best publicity submitted to the Wilson Library Bulletin and the Public Relations Section of the ALA Library Administration Division.

Entry blanks must be submitted by April 3rd, but scrapbooks showing a cross section of the library's publicity need not be delivered until April 17th. These scrapbooks should contain samples of types of publicity labeled as to purpose, cost, results and other comments. Winning scrapbooks become the property of the Committee and are displayed at the ALA Conference.

Folders giving full details are available from Wilson Library Bulletin.

JOINT BOARDS CRY "IDA FOR ALTA"

Mrs. Ida Saks, Gary Trustee, has been nominated for the vice-president and president-elect of the American Library Trustees Association.

The joint boards of ILA and ILTA went on record, February 8, as heartily endorsing Mrs. Saks as a candidate. The nomination is an honor and her election would reflect honor upon the state of Indiana and the two Associations.

However, it was reported at the meeting that an aggressive mail campaign is being launched for her opponent and "should Mrs. Saks win it would be a triumph of quality over advertising."

LIBRARY WEEK PROCLAMATION SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

Governor Matthew E. Welsh signed a proclamation February 7 urging "all citizens that they utilize, improve and give generous support to their libraries and bring about the establishment of needed libraries, to the end that this important resource may be a dynamic and constructive force throughout Indiana."

The theme given in the proclamation is "For a richer, fuller life year round, READ!"

Officers of ILA and ILTA were present in the Governor's office but news coverage was slight due to late-breaking news elsewhere.

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